**Allocation to Kerala under Valmiki Ambedkar Awas Yojana**

1331. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the allocation to Kerala under Valmiki-Ambedkar Awas Yojana for the year 2002-2003;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government cut short the allocation due to Kerala against the actual tentative expectation;

(c) whether Government of Kerala achieved the targeted progress on the implementation of the scheme;

(d) whether Government of Kerala requested to enhance the present allocation;

(e) the decision, if any, taken in the matter;

(f) whether Government propose to introduce a provision to purchase or acquire land to landless SC/ST community under VAMBAY Scheme; and

(g) the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN *THE* MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) A sum of Rs. 683.22 lakh has been tentatively allocated to Kerala as Central share under Valmiki-Ambedkar Awas Yojana (VAMBAY) for the year 2002-2003.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) So far, the Government of India have released an amount of Rs. 266.00 lakh as subsidy for construction of 1330 dwelling units under the Scheme. The State Government has reported that these are under various stages of construction.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) VAMBAY being a demand driven scheme, the request for additional funds will be considered subject to the submission of proposal by the State, complete in all respects as per guidelines and also on the availability of funds.

(f) and (g) No, Sir. The scheme guidelines do not have any provisrion for land acquisition.